



Los Angeles County  
Department of Regional Planning


*Planning for the Challenges Ahead*



Richard J. Bruckner  
Director

January 6, 2015

TO: Hearing Officer

FROM: Jeantine Nazar   
Zoning Permits East Section

SUBJECT: Project No. R2013-00430-(5)  
Oak Tree Permit No. 201300008  
HO Meeting: January 6, 2015  
Agenda Item: 8

The above-mentioned item is a request to authorize a retroactive oak tree permit for one oak tree removal and seven encroachments associated with a retroactive grading project. This item was scheduled for denial due to inactivity on April 15, 2014, Hearing Officer meeting, and continued to May 20, September 2, 2014, and January 6, 2015 hearings, as a discussion item, in order for the applicant to provide additional materials.

On July 8, 2014, the applicant met with Public Works and Regional Planning at the One-Stop meeting. The applicant provided a brief history of the case and issues involved. The Land Development Division of Public Works, Building and Safety Office and Regional Planning staff instructed the applicant with specifics on how to proceed with the case, in order to meet the requirements. Regional Planning staff relayed the outcome of the meeting to the District Attorney's Office.

On July 25, 2014, the case was heard at the criminal court. The defendant, Mr. Lew, entered a conditional plea of guilty or no contest, which will be dismissed should the defendant comply with the terms of the plea prior to August 1, 2015.

At the Hearing Officer meeting on September 2, 2014, the applicant provided a project submittal timeline from August to October of 2014. Staff found recently that the applicant failed to comply with the timeline and has not submitted the requested materials.

At this time, staff is working with the applicant to process the Oak Tree Permit application and requested that the applicant pay the additional fees for an oak tree permit with public hearing. The applicant has already paid the fees for an initial study, and staff will process the CEQA consultation. Staff recommends continuance of the hearing to May 5, 2015.

If you need further information, please contact Jeantine Nazar at (213) 974-6435 or [jnazar@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:jnazar@planning.lacounty.gov). Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

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Enclosure: Timeline Chart

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